

REMARKS

Claim 8 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Both Claims 8 and 12 are canceled. No duplicative claims are present in the application as amended.

Claim 11 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 now incorporates the description of Claim 11 and is believed to be in allowable form. All remaining claims are dependent on Claim 11 and are believed to be allowable. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), 103(a), in view of the Factor Patent. Claims 1-10, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Conn or Williams or Flora or Factor references in view of Lawrence or Handa. All claims now more clearly describe the invention in terms of the specific polycarbonate as previously set forth in Claim 11 and now recited in the only independent claim, Claim 1. Therefore it is believed that the present application is in condition for further favorable action.

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